Birth and Death Registration Records

240. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several states have not been able to send birth and death registration records to the Centre for the last several years;

(b) the details of such states;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the states are facing stationery problem; and

(e) the steps taken to provide the requisite stationery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT) (a) to (c) The states are not required to send the birth and death registration records. However, they are required to provide Annual Statistical Report based on the registration records to the Central Government. These Reports are not being received from all the states timely. The states of Assam, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh are in arrears for more than five years. The reasons, *inter-alia,* include lack of proper monitoring at the state level, inadequate attention given by the state administration, shortage of manpower, delay on the part of the Registrars in submitting the report to the Chief Registrar, etc.

(d) and (e) The shortage of stationery has reportedly been affecting the registration work in some of the states. The state governments are responsible to provide the stationery required for registration. The Office of the Registrar General, India has been reviewing this and bringing it to the attention of the state governments.

Maharashtra-Karnataka border dispute

241. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to solve the Maharashtra-Karnataka border dispute;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (c) With a view to settle the boundary dispute between Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala, the Central Government constituted a one-man Mahajan Commission, which had submitted its report in August 1967. The dispute still persists since the Government of Karnataka insists on the implementation of the recommendations of the Mahajan Commission in toto, while Government of Maharashtra does not accept the Commission's recommendations. The approach of the Central Government in the matter has consistently been that this dispute can be resolved only with the willing cooperation of the State Governments concerned and that the Central Government works only as a facilitator for amicable settlement of the dispute in a spirit of mutual accommodation and understanding.

Initiatives to contain Naxalism

242. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently some fresh initiatives have been taken to meet the challenge posted to national security by Naxalites in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact the Centre are planning to provide special assistance to States for formation of State-level joint task forces for effective policing required to co-ordinate operations on both sides of the borders of States to curb the spread of Naxalism; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the States likely to be covered by the joint task force (s) plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL) (a) and (b) The Central Government has adopted a multi-pronged strategy to tackle the problem of naxalism which includes (a) having a peace dialogue by the affected States, wherever feasible, with nexal groups willing to abjure violence, (b) modernization and strengthening of the State Police forces, long term deployment of